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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 9th July, 1955

SUBJECT :—*Import policy for light Soda Ash (S. No. 26/V of the I.T.C. Schedule) during July—December 1955 licensing period.*

No. 39-ITC (P.N.)/55.—Attention of importers is invited to the remarks against S. No. 26/V of the I.T.C. Schedule in Section II of the Red Book for the July—December, 1955, period according to which imports of light Soda Ash will be canalised through importers/distributors nominated by the Government of India.

2. Offers are invited for the supply of light Soda Ash from dollar or soft currency areas. The offers should be sent in a sealed cover superscribed "offer for Soda Ash" to the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi, on or before the 15th August, 1955.

3. The offer will be subject to the following terms and conditions :—

(a) *Specification.*—The Ash shall conform to the following specification :—

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| (i) Total alkalinity, as sodium carbonate per cent by weight, minimum | (Na_2CO_3 (Not less than 98.0 |
| (ii) Matter insoluble in water, per cent by weight, maximum | 0.15 |
| (iii) Sulphates, as Sodium Sulphate (Na_2SO_4), per cent by weight, maximum | 0.08 |
| (iv) Chlorides, as Sodium Chloride (NaCl) per cent by weight, maximum | 1.00 |
| (v) Iron, as Ferric Oxide (Fe_{2O_3}), per cent by weight, maximum | 0.007 |

Each consignment shall be accompanied by the Manufacturers' certificate of average analysis.

(b) *Packing*.—Ash shall be packed in new single B twill gunny bags. In case other packing is intended to be used, details should be given with the offer and samples should be got approved before the shipment is effected. The capacity of the bag should be one cwt 150 lbs. net. The filled bags must be of uniform weight and shall carry the marks specified below :—

- (i) name of the product ;
- (ii) brand name ;
- (iii) net weight of content ;
- (iv) name of manufacturer ; and
- (v) country of origin.

(c) *Price*.—The price quoted should be on the basis of c.i.f. Indian port in Indian rupees or £ sterling for a long ton of 2240 lbs.

(d) *Insurance*.—The insurance should cover all risks from warehouse to warehouse. The insurance should preferably be effected with an Indian Insurance Co. but claims should in any case, be settled in India.

(e) *Quantity*.—The requirements are 10,000 tons of light Soda Ash to be shipped according to the following programme :—

	Tons
(i) For delivery in October 1955. . .	2500
(ii) For delivery in November 1955 . .	3500
(iii) For delivery in December 1955 . .	4000

The minimum quantity for which offers will be acceptable is 1,000 tons. The month in which the shipment is offered to be made should be clearly indicated in the offer.

(f) *Payment*.—90% payment will be made against delivery of shipping documents etc., through banks nominated by the importer-distributor and the balance will be paid on arrival of goods in good condition and according to specifications as to quality.

(g) *Export permit*.—It shall be the responsibility of the offerer to obtain necessary export facilities from competent authorities in the country of origin.

(h) *Warranty*.—The offerer shall give the usual warranty with regard to quality, specification, grade, consistency, etc. of the Soda Ash supplied.

(i) *Default*.—In case the seller fails to fulfil any of the terms of the contract, the buyer will be free to determine the contract and to purchase, subject to the approval of Government, the quantity in default from an alternative source at the risk and the cost of the seller.

(j) *Arbitration*.—In the event of any dispute arising between the buyer and the seller in relation to any matter whatsoever connected with this offer, the subject-matter thereof shall be referred to arbitration by an arbitrator nominated by the Government of India.

(k) *Law*.—The law of the contract shall be the law of India and all disputes arising out of the contract shall be settled in accordance with it.

4. The offerer whose offer is accepted by the Chief Controller of Imports will be required to enter into a contract of sale within 10 days of the acceptance of the offer with the importer-distributor selected by the Government of India in this behalf. The Chief Controller of Imports will be free to reject any offer without assigning any reason.

5. On the conclusion of the contract, an import licence for the quantity contracted to be purchased will be issued in favour of the buyer subject to such conditions as might be imposed by the Government of India in this behalf.

SUBJECT.—*Import policy for Sodium Bicarbonate (S. No. 22/V of the I.T.C. Schedule) for the licensing period July—December, 1955.*

No. 40-ITC (PN)/55.—The attention of importers is invited to item No. 26—List III of Appendix XXVIII to the Red Book for the current licensing period wherein it has been provided that additional licences for import of Sodium Bicarbonate will be granted on an *ad hoc* basis.

2. Applications for additional licences for import, from dollar or soft currency areas, are invited for 'B.P. Grade' and 'Commercial Grade' of Sodium Bicarbonate to be submitted in the prescribed form and manner to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi, so as to reach him on or before the 4th August, 1955. Applicants should furnish the information and the documentary evidence mentioned below :—

- (i) Experience in importing Sodium Bicarbonate, or any other allied item ;
- (ii) Firm offer in original from the foreign manufacturers/suppliers indicating country of origin of the goods ;
- (iii) Firm delivery offered by foreign manufacturers/suppliers and the date by which the applicant undertakes to effect import should the licence applied for be granted ;
- (iv) The c.i.f. price (per ton of 2240 lbs.) at which imports will be made ; and
- (v) The grade of Sodium Bicarbonate desired to be imported and details regarding the packing thereof.

3. The Sodium Bicarbonate should correspond to the following specification and should preferably be in bulk packs only :—

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Commercial grade</i>	<i>B.P. Grade</i>
(1) Total alkalinity as sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) per cent by weight	99.00 to 102.63	99 to 101
(2) Sodium bicarbonate (Na_2CO_3) per cent by weight, max.	4.500	1.800
(3) Insoluble matter in water, per cent by weight, max.	0.200	0.010
(4) Chlorides, (as NaCl), per cent by weight, max.	0.250	0.020
(5) Sulphates (as Na_2SO_4) per cent by weight, max.	0.100	0.070
(6) Iron (as Fe_2O_3) per cent by weight, max.	0.008	0.0024
(7) Heavy metals (as Pb.) parts per million, max.	25	5

4. Preference may be given to applicants who are able to prove their ability to effect economical imports on a priority basis at an earlier date and at a competitive price. For this purpose the validity of licences may have to be restricted with a view to ensure timely shipments.

5. Licences granted on the basis of these applications will be subject to such conditions as Government may impose in regard to distribution of the goods after importation, sale price and margin of profit.

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